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2008

By Alyssa Ortiz

It is now 2009! The year with many promises, better economy, better technology, better ideas and better solutions. We now have a new president, Barack Obama, who promises and promotes change. But before we get into 2009, let's look back on the most important events that have shaped our nation in 2008. Here are the top five events that happened in 2008:

- 1. America receives her first African-American president, Barack Obama.
- 2. The presidential election brought many new things, first female canaidate running for president, and first African-American running for president.
- 3. The Beijing Olympics brought many American gold medals home. Michael Phelps won eight medals.
- 4. Economy crisis is on a high, stock markets are in danger, and gas prices blast through the roof along with the price of everything else sending everybody in panic.
- 5. Polygamist town is discovered in Texas and police are sent in to rescue women and children and came out with over 400 victims.

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New Year Resolution

By: Alicia Sanders

AS: What is your New Year 2009 resolution for this year?

Ana Smart: I would like to lose weight

Porfiria Rodriguez: I would like to win WSBC championship.

Antonio Guijarro: I would like to have a job to earn more money.

Mateo Denton: I would like to have a job to earn more money and get good grades.

Chris Fertig: I would like to travel more this year.

Judy Miller: I would like to lose weight.

Deba Pietsch: I would love for WSD to become one of the best deaf

schools in the whole world.

Sodoku

By KaSandra Madrigal Source: www.websoudoku.com

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How did the celebration of New Year start?

By Olivia Mackey

It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago. In 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first new moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring was a logical time to start a New Year. After all, it is the season of rebirth.

The Romans continued to observe the New Year in late March, but their calendar was soon rejected, because it was not matching the sun's rotation. The Romans later made a calendar in the right order. In 153 BC, the Romans agreed that January 1st is to be the beginning of the New Year. In Greece, their tradition for New Year was to celebrate their god of wine, and to represent the annual rebirth with the god of fertility.

Later, in America, they accepted the New Year and celebrated it. In 1752, the Americans dressed up for the Ball using masks. They waited until midnight, then they shouted "Happy New Year!" to other people. Hugs and kisses were exchanged. Americans made promises to themselves to do better in the following New Year. Interesting Facts:

People believed that when they bring lots of food on New Year, it will bring good luck because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. The Americans have this tradition, they write down their New Year's resolutions. But most of the promises are broken or forgotten by February.

For more Information, check out:

http://www.wilstor.com/holidays/newyear.htm

http://www.usemb.se/holidays/celebrate/newyears.htm

Turn Your Copper Penny Green!

By Alyssa Ortiz

Are you bored sometimes at home? It's a good time to bring out the scientist in you and try something new, you might even discover something.

This is a simple science experiment you can do at home,

Turn your copper penny green!

Materials

- Saucer
- Vinegar
- Penny
- Kitchen/paper towel

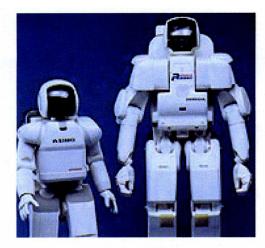
Procedure

- 1. Place the paper towel on top of saucer
- 2. Pour vinegar into saucer through the paper towel
- 3. Place penny on top of the towel, be careful so the paper does not break.
- 4. Put it in a safe location and wait a full day

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When you come back, the penny should be green! The reason for this is because copper, which is what the penny is made of, reacts with oxygen and vinegar (acetic acid) to form green colored copper oxide. This is what happened to the Statue of Liberty in New York, it is made entirely of copper and the acetic acid in the air over time has caused it to become green.

http://webapps.nonroe.edu/technologyservices/multimedia/guides/3255c.pdf http://images.chron.com/blogs/keepthefaith/penny.jpg



Honda Robot

By Ashleigh Rice

In 1986, the Honda engineers set out to create a walking robot. They have been trying to make it function better. Until then, they have been doing their work and have been successfully able to build new robots, but not too perfect. Our new robot is now standing at 5'2" tall and weighs at 287lbs. They have started spreading the product in the U.S.A. The Honda robots have already made an appearance in Disneyland in Anonein, California. For more information about it, check out the website: http://asimo.honda.com/Disneyland.aspx.

Here is my opinion about Honda robots. Now, my question is why are they attempting to create a robot?

They said most of the people dream of a robot that possesses humanlike traits for the purpose of to help people. I disagree with this desire because, as most of you have seen the movie, I Robot, there is a possibility of Honda robots turning against humans and controlling them. Also, inventors claimed that the robots won't harm humans, and that only under the three laws of safety, we will be safe. The three laws of safety are:

- 1. A robot may not harm a human being.
- 2. A robot must obey the orders given it.
- 3. A robot must protect its own existence.

But what if I walk outside and notice the Honda robot waving his hand at me and try to get closer to me. I may panic and I'll probably want to push the Honda robot away from me. Will the Honda robot harm me? I wonder, since the first law is that the robot cannot harm a human being, but what if a human tries to harm the robot's own existence, then what actions will the robot take to protect itself?



WHY DID THE SCIENTISTS
WANT TO CLONE US?

By Ashleigh Rice

The scientists know that one's life is important. My opinion is yes, but not to clone human beings. I know that few scientists disagreed about cloning humans. It may be at a high risk because if they clone a human for the very first in the whole world, "it" might find out that "it" has no parents. Ironically, can "it" feel "its" own soul? Will "it" have "its" own emotion? I think that "it" can kill humans. I think that they have already clone a human or am I mistaken?

They already cloned a sheep named "Dolly". She was the first mammal to be cloned in July 5, 1996. Dolly has a lung disease called, Jaagsiekte. Dolly died in February 14, 2003. Then in Korea, they cloned a dog named, Snuppy. There were more clones going on in the world like no one knew what was going on. Why has the whole world gone mad? Truly, most scientists can clone animals. Now, an Italian doctor announced that he plans to clone a first human within next year. I think it's very risky. I can tell you why. The cloned human won't be like a normal being. It would seem like he is like a puppet. My opinion is that to clone a human is not good idea because he/she is not being born naturally.



Friendships By Alicia Sanders



Friendships are meant to bring people together, friends should not grow apart, and friends should be truthful with each other. It's natural to want friends that are willing to stay with you no matter what. If you understand what friendships are, then you will have a good relationship with them because you are being understanding towards each other, and their feelings and being trustworthy. Friendships means being honest, trustworthy, being a role model, showing a positive connection, understanding each other well, being RESPECTFUL, and being there for each other. Those are the main things that you should be doing for your friends. It doesn't include hitting, kicking, pushing, forcing him/her to do something, or saying mean things. Respect is the most important thing you should keep inside of your friendship, because if you respect your friends, you'll feel good about yourself. Plus, you are making someone feel good and you are making a difference. Also, you are more than likely able to make more friends because you are willing to give RESPECT. Friendships are the most important thing to anyone in the whole world. Also remember this: BE RESPECTFUL, and WORK TOGETHER TO STAY FRIENDS.

P.S. Be sure to listen and understand your friends feeling; you'll never know how much they really need to express their feelings, and be sure to help them. If you don't listen and try to be there for help, next time, they will not want to come to you. Friendships are built, by depending on one another. http://www.worlds-colliding.

Is Our World Going to End? A sad poem by Ashleigh Rice

The rest of the dead bodies are being washed away by heavy rain, A little girl is all alone on a tiny island, Watching over the dead bodies, Then the rain changes, Heavy rain of red blood pours on her face, She screams, screams, screams, Then the screams stop. Her eyes wide with fear.

She sees a dry barren land surrounding one gigantic tree

With only one last sparkling golden apple. The little girl swims across the red bloody ocean,

She arrives at the land,

Gets closer to the gigantic tree.

The little girl looks up at the golden apple

hanging on the treetop,

She struggles to get to the golden apple, Finally the golden apple is in her hands,

Thump, thump, thump

She sees the enemy sprinting

On the other side, red, blue, and white army marches towards the enemy.

The golden apple makes them so thirsty,

The little girl holds the beloved golden apple,

Staring at the golden apple,

The little girl thinks,

Is the golden apple worth fighting for?

The little girl runs away, far, far, far away,

The enemy growls and chases her,

The blue, red and white army cries

"war" and chases her,

How can I give them peace?

The little girl whispers while

holding the golden apple,

She looks back and they are gone,

The little girl's stomach starts growling,

But the little girl refuses to eat,

She digs out the dirt

Puts the golden apple under the dirt, covers it.

The little girl watches it, waiting

long, long, long time.

The little girl rocks herself,

Her stomach growling, so painful.

Few days later, the little girl is dying;

she drops some tears on the ground,

Then billion of plants come growing rapidly,

The enemy and the red, blue, and white army walks to

the little girl,

They stare at her, seeing her sadness,

This little girl died to stop the war.



Dearest mmie

By Alicia Sanders

book called Mommie Dearest is a great example of people who knew what it is like to be a victim of physical, emotional, and mental abuses. It is a really good book. This is a true story written by Christina Crawford about her being abused by her adoptive mother, Joan Crawford, when she was a baby. For example, she was taught to say the same thing over and over again, "Yes, Mommie Dearest." She had to say this even if she didn't feel like saying it. Another most famous part of what happened to her was when Joan went to Christina's bedroom and found a wire hanger in it. Joan angerily disapproved having a wire hanger in the house and she hit Christina with the hanger repeatedly. Afterward, she took Christina to the bathroom and showed them the dust, she made Christina clean the bathroom. In the bathroom, Joan went crazy and attacked her with the soap powder which she spilled all over the bathroom and Joan told her to clean up the mess. Christina ended up having to clean the whole bathroom and finally went to bed at 5 o'clock in the morning. After that day, Joan didn't even speak to Christina for a long time. I suggest you to read more about Mommie Dearest.

You should borrow this book at any library, you could buy one at Barnes & Nobles bookstore, or you could order one at Amazon online.





Lost Love

By Jasmine Burnham

Twinkling little star Twinkle twinkle

Why are you so high above me?

So high So high

Just above me Twinkling little star

Come here Come here

Starring a liar Liar, liar no air Liar, liar no air

Inviting a whore Whore, whore no more

Whore, whore no more Bringing a woman

Woman, woman no man Woman, woman no man

Flying dove Pain reminds Calling love Sin stings

Liar, liar no air Cannot live with lies Whore, whore no more Cannot keep moving on Woman, woman no man

Cannot understand love alone Pain reminds Sin stings

> Forgive and forgive Flying dove Let's get far, far away

Calling love

Let's fall deep, deep down together Twinkling little star

> So high So high

Just above me

I need you so dearly Dearly and clearly

Twinkling little star Come here

Come here

Let's get far, far away

















Winter Season

By Olivia Mackey

This winter season is the most exciting season because WSD Basketball teams already won the first few games. Lady Terriers basketball team's record is 4-2 and Terriers basketball team's record is 4-2. This year, WSD Basketball teams are hoping that they will enter the playoffs for the state this year.

Another exciting thing during the winter season goes to our Terriers cheerleading team! Cheerleading team had gained more cheerleaders. Also, they got new uniforms and shoes. They have new coach who taught them new cheers & chants. Thanks to Stephanie Proctor!!

Our school is excited for us and hopes we will win WSBC the championship at Riverside, CA. Hopefully, we will see you at WSBC and support us!

LADY TERRIERS

| Date | Time | Place | Opponent | Scores | Won/Lost |
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| Dec. 9 | 5:45 | Home | Jewell: | 35-55 | lost |
| Dec. 11 | 5:30 | Home | OSD: | 50-33 | won |
| Dec. 16 | 5:45 | Away | Oakville: | CANCELLED | N/A |
| Dec. 18 | 5:45 | Home | King's Way Christian: | CANCELLED | N/A |
| Jan. 6 | 5:45 | Home | Three Rivers Christian | : 47-32 | won |
| Jan. 7 | 5:45 | Home | Fort Vancouver | : 47-19 | won |
| Jan. 13 | 5:45 | Home | Oakville: | 36-37 | lost |
| Jan. 15 | 5:30 | Away | OSD: | 38-31 | won |
| Jan. 21 | 5:00 | Away | Oakville: | 49-37 | won |
| Jan. 22 | 5:45 | Away | King's Way Christian: | 37-22 | won |

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TERRIERS

| Date | Time | Place | Opponent | Scores | Won/Lost |
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| Dec. 9 | 7:30 | Home | Jewell: | 61-44 | won |
| Dec. 11 | 7:00 | Home | OSD: | 49-33 | won |
| Dec. 16 | 7:15 | Away | Oakville: | CANCELLED | N/A |
| Dec 18 | 7:15 | Home | King's Way Christian: | CANCELLED | N/A |
| Jan. 6 | 7:15 | Home | Three Rivers Christian: | 49-53 | lost |
| Jan. 7 | 7:15 | Home | Fort Vancouver: | 48-45 | won |
| Jan. 13 | 7:15 | Home | Oakville: | 25-66 | lost |
| Jan. 15 | 7:00 | Away | OSD: | 49-28 | won |
| Jan. 21 | 6:30 | Away | Oakville: | 20-76 | lost |
| Jan. 22 | 7:15 | Away | King's Way Christian: | 47-51 | lost |

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